

Under 11s Cricket Match Report:

Hythe U11s played **Hawkinge** in a “home” fixture played at the Polo Ground at Folkestone on 11.07.10, and *won by 33 runs!*

Hawkinge batted first and were confronted throughout by some excellent Hythe bowling. Only 7 wides, 1 no ball and 9 byes were conceded throughout the innings. This helped restrict the Hawkinge score to 250.

Jack bowled 3 very good overs, only going for a few runs. He was unlucky not to pick up a wicket or two. However it is just as important to not concede too many runs.

Euan played well in his Hythe debut, bowling a very good line and length and picking up a wicket in his first over. His first 2 overs were a **wicket maiden** followed by a **maiden**. *Well-done Euan, a good start!*

Hannah came on next and bowled 2 excellent overs, only conceding 3 runs, one of which was a wide. She also picked up a **wicket** with her second ball. *She had shortened her run up and concentrated on bowling a good line and length which is why she finished with such good match figures. The issue of shortened run ups is one which we should look at in training in August as I can't help thinking a few other bowlers would benefit from a shorter, more explosive run up and delivery stride.*

Matt came on next and picked up another **wicket** in his first over. Again from the last match **Matt** bowled only a couple of wides which helped keep the pressure on the Hawkinge batsmen. *Well done for a huge improvement in your all round cricket throughout the season Matt!*

Guy bowled his 3 over allocation and, though he did not get a wicket, went for only a few runs. He did struggle a bit with his line in the third over but still finished with very creditable figures, which supported the team effort.

Sam bowled next and was hit for 2 lovely leg glance **boundaries**, as his line was a bit wayward in his first over. He recovered well by taking **2 wickets** in his second over and, as skipper for the day in Max's absence, took on the responsibility of bowling the last over.

Ken was last up and, as Sam, went for a couple of nice **boundaries** in his first over courtesy of two good drives through the cover area. He recovered well with a second over **maiden** and a cheap 3rd over. He did not bag a wicket but certainly caused the batsmen plenty of problems, particularly one of their last pair who finished facing one over from Ken standing closer to me at square leg than his wickets, so scared was he of the pace Ken was generating!

Joseph kept well. We lost a few byes but this is to be expected when so many of our bowlers are bowling at a good fast speed. He did very well to recover from trying to catch

a batsman out from a top edge to be able to gather the ball and run the batsman out instead.

*I thought our fielding was excellent but I should spare a mention here for Jack. On 3 occasions the ball went down to Jack at fine leg. As he concentrated on fielding the ball a number of players shouted to him to throw the ball to the bowler's end. Jack did so, quickly and accurately, only to find that no one had run to the stumps to receive the ball or gone to back up. Thus we lost 6 runs in over throws. **If a call goes out to throw to the bowlers end then the bowler, mid on and mid off must make every effort to cover the stumps.** I saw and heard a number of players having a little moan at Jack for these incidents. **Jack responded well to clear calls, the issue here was other fielders and the bowler not supporting his efforts.***



Matt and **Hannah** opened the batting for Hythe and struggled to get the ball away for many runs. Hawkinge bowled them to very accurately and the pair lost a few wickets as they felt under pressure to keep scoring. *Their running was good and both looked to be backing up well. Remember it is better to block good balls and look for quick singles than swing across the line and risk being bowled and losing 5 runs.*

Next in were **Jack** and **Guy**. **Guy** batted positively and hit out at a few loose balls. He also benefited from an attempted run out which went for 4 overthrows. **Guy** also ran well between the wickets and turned many singles into twos.

Jack batted superbly, hitting the ball all over the ground with real power. He found the **boundary** on 3 occasions and actually ran 4 to one shot that stopped at the boundary edge! **Jack's score of 21 was our highest of the day and really set us up to attack the Hawkinge total.**

Ken and **Sam** came in next and carried on where Guy and Jack finished. **Ken** got a stinker of a ball that shot through low hitting his leg stump in the first over. This was the only wicket lost as the two ran well and put us 15 ahead of our target. **Sam** hit 3 **boundaries** in a good knock and **Ken** hit two as all Hawkinge bowlers were attacked.

Last up were **Euan** and **Joseph**. These two were well aware of the match situation and batted conservatively, not taking any risks. **Euan** batted well on debut, finding the boundary twice. **Euan** played at a few straight balls by stepping in front of his stumps and playing across the line to leg. He was given out LBW on one occasion when he missed the ball and really could have had at least one more such decision go against him. *If the ball is straight, play at it with a straight bat and defend your wicket.* **Joseph** looked quite at ease batting and pushed a few singles. He showed a good defensive technique. He was run out on the last ball but by then the game was won.

I did not include batting and bowling points for **last week** in the report. **Bowling went to Harry S and batting went to Ken.**

Match stats for this week:

Bowling

	Overs	Maidens	Wickets	Runs
Jack	3	0	0	4
Euan	3	2	1	1
Hannah	2	0	1	3
Matt	3	0	1	16
Guy	3	0	0	10
Sam	3	0	2	18
Ken	3	1	0	12

Batting

	Runs
Matt	0
Hannah	4
Jack	21
Guy	13
Ken	16
Sam	20
Euan	12
Joseph	3

Bowling point goes to Sam and batting point goes to Jack.

Well done to you all for a great win.

Cheers,
Rod.